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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the August 28, 2001. Notice of Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the four-month extension, this filing is due on or before February 28, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$1440.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-057 (Cura-357). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed. Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

February 28, 2002

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